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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION SEPTEMBER ELEVEN SECOND  
ANNIVERSARY; HARARE

¶1. Under headline "Americans to mark grim anniversary"  
United States-based columnist for the government  
controlled weekly "The Sunday Mail" (09/07), Tendayi  
Kumbula, dedicated his article to reflect on the  
second anniversary of September 11, 2001 terrorist  
attacks in the United States. Excerpts:

¶2. "On Thursday they will be observing a grim anniversary  
throughout the U. S. A. It is the second anniversary of  
September 11, 2001. . .Life has never been the same in the  
¶U. S. since the twin terror attacks claimed hundreds of  
lives at the World Trade Center twin towers. . .and at the  
Pentagon. . .On Thursday morning, Americans in various ways  
will mark that grim anniversary. President George W. Bush  
has proclaimed that flags should be flown at half-staff in  
honor of the dead. Churches are organizing services and  
prayers. . .But underlying all this is concern about why it  
happens, what it means and whether it could happen again.  
There is a palpable level of nervousness that comes from  
knowing when and where the terrorists will strike again.  
That concern was underlined by a Federal Bureau of  
Investigation warning issued on Friday about a terrorist  
threat. . .So, as Thursday rolls around, Americans will try  
to act normal. But there is little doubt that the terror  
attacks have altered American lifestyles."

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